

HOUSE COMMITTEE TO HUNT MEN BACK OF WAR ON WILEY

Chairman Wants to Know "Who" Is Conducting Fight and "Why."

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transacting my duties in the usual way and as I see the right. "Of course, in advance of my answer to the President, I cannot discuss the merits of the case."

Dr. Wiley was told that the House Committee had unearthed the fact that the Department of Justice has seen fit to pay "trust buster" Kellogg \$50,000 for a rate above \$11 per day, hence Dr. Wiley's present predicament and the opinion of the Attorney General that the "irregularity" merits the punishment that Dr. Wiley should resign and that Dr. L. F. Keller, chief of the drug laboratory, should be reduced.

"A strange state of affairs," said Chairman Beall, of the House Committee now investigating the Department of Justice. "Our committee discovered yesterday, when the charges against Dr. Wiley became public, that the Attorney General has by no means restricted himself in hiring expert assistants. The committee has in its possession vouchers showing where Mr. Kellogg was paid lump sums for 'additional compensation.'" We also find that special assistant McReynolds was allowed \$10 per diem for expenses—not to be accounted for—and over and above his railroad fare, telephone and sleeper expenses.

"Dr. Wiley's offense is not to be compared at all with that of the Attorney General, who has been so quick to condemn the pure food expert. Dr. Wiley has stood between the public and the despoilers for years. He merits and has the public confidence.

Points to Contrast.

"In view of the disclosures concerning the liberties taken by the Attorney General in dispensing thousands for his expert advisers, I am unable to see any comparison whatever between the technical breach said to have been committed by Dr. Wiley and the wholesale breach indulged in by the Attorney General. In one case the amount involved is not more than \$1,600. In the other it runs into the hundreds of thousands."

Representative Moss, chairman of the House Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture, issued a call this morning for a meeting of his committee to take up the Wiley controversy. It is not believed that the opponents of Dr. Wiley will receive much encouragement at the hands of the House members. Confidence is believed in the enforcement of the pure food law as much as it does in anti-trust proceedings.

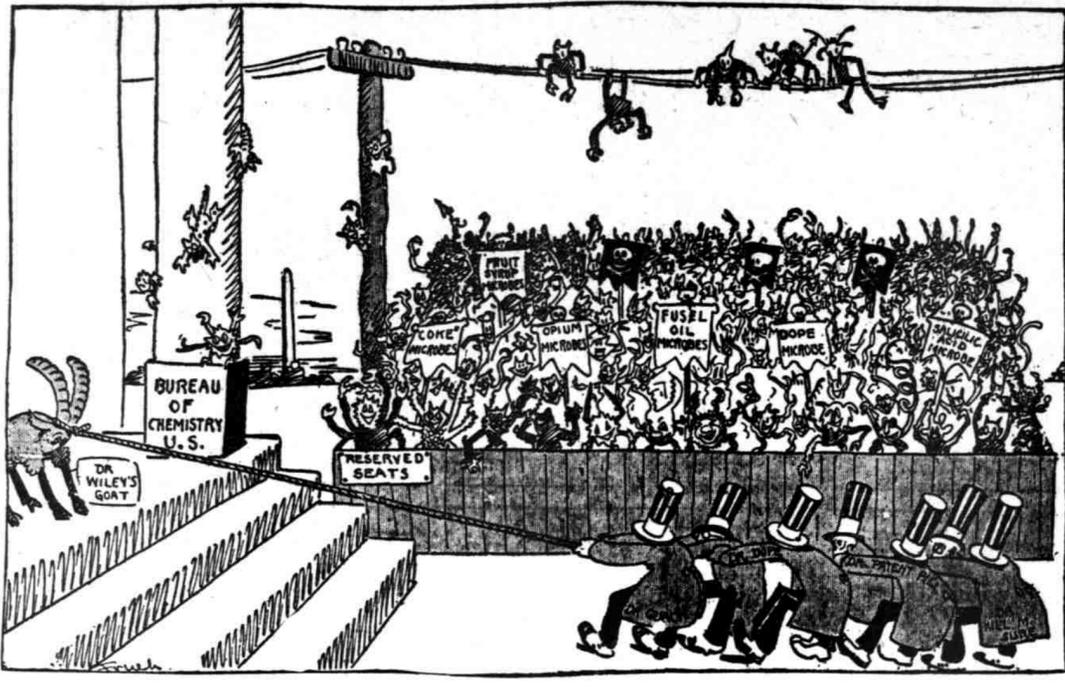
In this connection, it is interesting to note that there have been more than 2,000 prosecutions under the pure food law, championed by Dr. Wiley long before it went upon the statute books. Of the cases already decided there have been more than 800 convictions. In no case has an offender been sent to jail.

Nominal Fines Imposed.

In a majority of cases the fines have been nominal. They have ranged from 1 cent to \$200, the latter being the limit for a first offense. More frequently violators of the pure food law have been sentenced \$10, \$25, and \$50, and in one instance, so far as could be recalled at the office of the solicitor for the Agricultural Department today, has an offender received the maximum fine.

These statistics are interesting for this reason: They show that the Wiley bureau and the solicitor

Will the Quacks and Dopes Get Dr. Wiley's Goat?



—From New York World.

for the department prepare the cases for prosecution. The actual prosecution is conducted by the agents of the Department of Justice, who head is today in the attitude of approving Dr. Wiley's dismissal. Dr. Wiley has attempted to enforce the law vigorously. The Department of Justice, as the records will show, has obtained only small fines.

The White House was swamped today with protests, sent from all parts of the country, against the apparent conspiracy to oust Dr. Wiley. The protests came from members of all parties, and so serious has become the situation, that the greater portion of the time of the Cabinet today was devoted to a discussion of the Wiley case.

It is already realized at the White House that the Wiley-Wickensham controversy is fraught with grave dangers to the Administration. A further complication is the well defined feeling that George P. McCabe, solicitor for the Agricultural Department, and one of the committee of personnel, is, and has been for sometime, at odds with the chief of the Bureau of Chemistry. The board of personnel, which recommended the enforced resignation of Dr. Wiley, is composed of Solicitor McCabe, Assistant Secretary W. M. Hays, and Chief Clerk C. C. Clark.

Dr. Wiley only smiled today when it was suggested that Mr. McCabe might be among those "persons or interests" seeking his official downfall.

Able to Make Living.

If Dr. Wiley is dismissed, however, he will manage to make a living somehow. He received several telegrams today offering him remunerative positions, among them being one from a large banking concern of New York.

President Taft is not unaware of the temper of the public. The President knows that the Department of Justice will be put on trial along with the Bureau of Chemistry, and he is afraid the people will take sides with Dr. Wiley in the contest that is certain to come.

If Dr. Wiley is compelled to resign and the Attorney General is saved from an official snub, the situation will be even more serious for the Taft future. The people, the President knows, are with Wiley. The folks who eat, and practically everybody does, have come to look upon the chief chemist as their friend and protector. They have watched the long and persistent fight of the drug and impure food interests to throw the doctor out of the department and have backed up the Bureau of Chemistry with their moral support in the chief's fight.

There was some curiosity expressed at the White House today over the reason the President sent the Wiley matter to the Attorney General anyway. It might

have gone to Comptroller Tracewell of the Treasury. It is pointed out, and his ruling would have been equally as effective as that of the Attorney General without the embarrassment which has now followed.

Issue Clearly Drawn.

Instead, the papers all went to the Attorney General, who not only gave an opinion as to the violation of the law involved, but went out of his way to recommend the virtual dismissal of Dr. Wiley. By this action the issue was clearly drawn between the chief chemist and the Attorney General. Otherwise Mr. Wickensham would not have been pulled into the controversy.

The explanation of the whole sad situation, that is "sad" from the Administration point of view, is that nobody directly associated with the President expected that any publicity would be given the matter. On the other hand, it might have been kept strictly confidential and the country would not have known the process by which the chief chemist was ousted from office.

The timely publication of the whole official correspondence, however, developed the details of the plan to unhorse the chief chemist and thereby placed Mr. Taft in a position of having to proceed publicly to throw down his Attorney General or else force the resignation of Dr. Wiley.

Compromise Unlikely.

A compromise now seems impossible. The President has either got to agree with Mr. Wickensham that Dr. Wiley is guilty of a grave offense, and fire him, or disagree with the Attorney General and the personnel board, and keep the doctor in the department.

In the meantime the President is awaiting Dr. Wiley's defense. He will take no steps, it is announced, until he gets this reply, and meanwhile the House begins its investigation.

As representing the general indignation among Democratic members over the plan to oust Wiley, Representative Sulzer today said: "Dr. Wiley is one of the few champions the people have had. He is the most valuable man in the Government service. I do not think the Administration will make the mistake of dispensing with his services. He has done monumental work for the Government and its people in protecting them from the food adulterators, patent medicine concerns, and canned food manufacturers. The people have a champion in Dr. Wiley. He has kept them from being the prey of these combinations. "I will give Dr. Wiley all the support I have. He may have made mistakes, but they have been mistakes of the heart and not of the head."

Inquiry Started In Boston Is Designed To Hurt Wiley's Case

BOSTON, July 14.—An investigation which is declared to have a distinct bearing on the attempt to force Dr. Harvey W. Wiley out of the Government service, was begun today in the management of the Boston laboratory. A member of the personnel committee of the Department of Agriculture started the investigation, and is secretly examining the employees of the local bureau.

Joseph T. Lynch, a former stenographer, had brought the charges, alleging that Chief Chemist Bernard H. Smith had used Government property for private purposes. None of the officials concerned would indicate in what manner the present investigation is expected to affect the charges against Dr. Wiley.

Seventeen Are Indicted By District Grand Jury

Seventeen indictments, including eight against husbands charged with non-support of their families, were returned this morning before Justice Anderson in Criminal Court No. 1 by the District Grand Jury.

Miles Crenshaw, formerly superintendent of construction for the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company; George A. Tracy, and Harry C. Lewis, a former Washington accountant, are among those charged with non-support. Tracy is said to be wealthy, and now lives in Los Angeles. Mrs. Elizabeth Tracy, the complainant, lives at 3099 Eleventh street northwest. Mrs. Crenshaw lives at 1415 Q street northwest, and Mrs. Lewis resides at 1428 Chapin street northwest.

Others indicted by the grand jury are: Non-support, Arthur W. Volney, George Reucher, Edward H. Johnson, Leonard Chambers, and Martin Bullington; William Yates, house-breaking; Clementine Morgan; Charles Price, assault; John Bradford, assault; Jerry Murphy, and Daniel Nolan, house-breaking; Leroy Johnson; Louis Burke, robbery; Victoria Lee, arson.

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Postoffice to Obtain A Million Envelopes

Bids for 1,000,000 envelopes, for the use of the Washington City Postoffice were opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon, at the postoffice annex building on K street northeast. This is the first of a series of envelopes to be advertised for. They are to be of good quality Manila, 4 by 7½ inches, and are to be delivered at the annex.

Brickbats and Guns In Peruvian Congress

LIMA, Peru, July 14.—Congress, which opened yesterday with enthusiasm and closed its session in a riot of stones and revolver shots, resumed today, prepared for any further trouble. A strong force of guards was on hand. The government and the chamber of deputies are not agreed on certain important policies.

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Ladies' Chiffon Silk Lisle Hose, in black and white and tan, double sole, spliced heel. 50c value. Special **35c** for \$1.

Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, double sole, spliced heel, garter top. \$1.50 value. Special **79c**

Ladies' Gauze Lisle Hose, double sole, spliced heel. 35c value. **25c** Special

Misses' Silk Hose, double sole, spliced heel. Special **50c and \$1.00**

Infants' Fancy Top Socks, stripes and plaids. Special **12½c and 25c**

Children's Fine Ribbed Hose, all colors, double heel and toe. **25c** Special

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Lambert's Listerine, 16-oz. bot. **50c**

Hebe Complexion Soap, 2 cakes for **25c**

Tooth Brushes, extra fine bristles **10c**

Woodback Hand Scrubs **10c**

Italian Violet Extract, lasting **25c oz.**

Park & Tilford's Bay Rum **21c bot.**

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